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DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

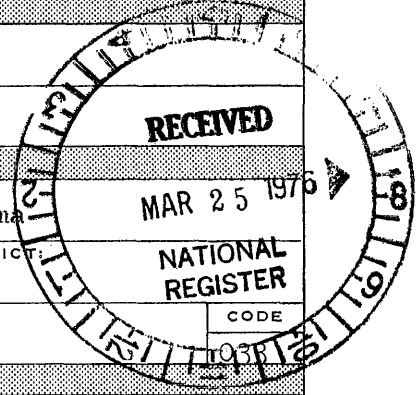
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Alabama

COUNTY:
Colbert

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Buzzard Roost (No. 301-2C)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Buzzard Sleep

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On US Route 72 about 3 miles west of Cherokee, Alabama

CITY OR TOWN:
Cherokee

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
5

STATE:
Alabama

CODE
01

COUNTY:
Colbert

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. AGENCY

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Southeast

CITY OR TOWN:
Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER:
3401 Whipple Avenue

STATE:
Georgia

CODE
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuscumbia

STATE:
Alabama

CODE
01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

STATE: Alabama

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Buzzard Roost is an interpretive stop on the access road to the Natchez Trace Parkway. There is a circular road with parking lot and an interpretive exhibit shelter. A trail leads from the parking lot to the spring. The supposed house site of Levi Colbert is on a slight rise overlooking the parking area and road on the one side and U. S. Highway 72 on the other. The site is grown up with high grass. The Old Natchez Trace went by the west side of the house that was built here and that served as a stand or inn on the Trace. Hopefully in the near future proposed archeological investigation will show where the house site was located.

Recommended treatment: Preservation
 Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$100.00
 Photograph enclosed.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Inn</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The second Natchez Trace stand in Alabama located $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Colbert Ferry on Buzzard Roost Creek, was operated by Levi Colbert. Little is known of the establishment except that a circuit rider noted "Road (sic) to Levi Colberts he is a half breed, though considered a clever man by travelers had a good house." Some time between the years 1815 and 1818 Levi retired to a farm near Cotton Gin Port, Mississippi, and left the stand to be operated by his son-in-law, Kilpatrick Carter, who, after the Trace had ceased to be a trunk highway, remained as a farmer.

The stand and farm Levi established here was an extensive one. Travelers who stopped at Buzzard Roost stand remarked that it was a "good place," or they "were well received, well fed and kindly treated." Levi Colbert interested himself in other frontier enterprises, such as salt springs and grist mills and in time became a wealthy man. Levi was often a spokesman for the Chickasaw tribe and he died at Buzzard Roost Stand in 1834, while enroute to Washington on tribal business.

This stand, one of about 50, on the Old Natchez Trace provided an important service for Trace travelers. Levi and his brothers were very instrumental in getting various treaties (1805, 1816, 1818, 1825, 1830, 1832, 1834) signed as Chiefs of the Chickasaws.

Significance: 3rd order.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phelps, Dawson A. "The Natchez Trace in Alabama" The Alabama Historical Quarterly, vol 25. (Summer/Fall 1963). 27-41

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

UTM Ref
16/406469/3846740

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.59 Class VI 360

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter		DATE: 10/7/74
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Natchez Trace Parkway		
STREET AND NUMBER: Rural Route 1, NT-143		PHONE: (601) 842-1572
CITY OR TOWN: Tupelo	STATE: Mississippi 38801	CODE: 28

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Neil B. Howard Jr.
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Genny Grabelle 3/23/76
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 for the Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

John R. ...
 Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/9/76

ATTEST:

W. J. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/4/76

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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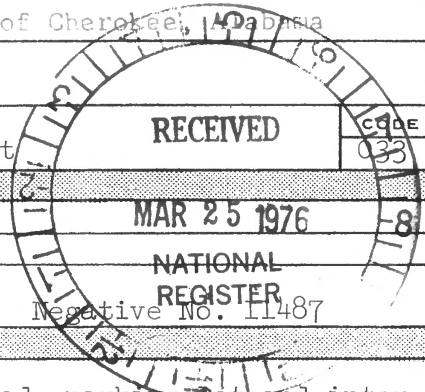
STREET AND NUMBER:
On US Highway 72 approximately 3 miles west of Cherokee, Alabama

CITY OR TOWN:
Cherokee

STATE: Alabama 35616	CODE 01	COUNTY: Colbert	DATE 033
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE:

PHOTO CREDIT: William E. Cox
DATE OF PHOTO: September 9, 1974
NEGATIVE FILED AT:
Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801



4. IDENTIFICATION:

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Facing northwest from access leg showing loop road, parking lot and interpretive shelter. From the southwest corner of the parking lot is trail to spring that flows west to Buzzard Roost Creek, at right center of the photo is a tall cedar tree and to the left of it to the next cedar tree is an opening and this is the probable location of Levi Colbert's house. Behind this hill is U.S. Hwy 72. To the northeast is the parkway.